



## UPPER NIOBRARA WHITE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

**Board of Directors' Meeting  
April 15, 2013**

In accordance with LB 325, Eighty-fourth Legislature, First Session (1975), the Upper Niobrara White Natural Resources District held a public meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, April 15, 2013, at the UNWNRD office in Chadron, NE. An agenda for this meeting to be considered at such date, time and place was kept continually current and was available in the NRD office. Seven days prior to the meeting, the agenda was mailed to each member of the Board of Directors and other interested and affected persons. Notice of the meeting was given to the public by publishing a legal notice in the Chadron Record and Alliance Times Herald on Wednesday, April 3, 2013.

### **Open Meeting Law Act**

Chairman Lees pointed out the Open Meeting Law Act that is displayed on the wall.

### **Roll Call & Introduction of Guests**

Chairman, Jim Lees, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and roll call was taken with the following directors present:

Scott Berndt  
John Burke  
Dave Carlson  
Tod Dorshorst  
Jim Irwin  
Dave Kadlecek

Jim Lees  
Curt Roth  
Larry Teahon  
Rich Zochol

Absent:  
Steve Sandberg

Others present:

Lyndon Vogt, NRD General Manager  
Sheri Daniels, NRD Water Resources Manager  
Katie Harris, NRD Administrative Assistant  
Fred McCartney, NFS

Lynn Webster, NRD Assistant Manager  
Haley Anders, NRD Resources Technician  
Travis Nitsch, NRD Resources Coordinator  
Bryan Kahl, NRCS

### **Emergency Agenda Additions**

Director Kadlecek moved to add an Executive Session after the Operations/Personnel/Policy Committee report to discuss personnel.

### **NRCS Robin Foulk**

Bryan Kahl handed out and discussed Robin's written report.

**Nebraska Forest Service  
Doak Nickerson**

Doak was absent from the meeting. Fred handed out and discussed an agenda for the Community Fire Recovery Planning and Progress Update meeting that will be at Chadron State College on April 29. Fred also discussed the Nebraska Wildland Fire Academy that will be at Fort Robinson State Park on April 13-21. Their mission is to provide high quality fire and incident management training at little or no cost, while utilizing the expertise of local fire officers to ensure the fire training needs of western Nebraska and the surrounding region are met.

**General Manager's Report  
Lyndon Vogt**

Lyndon added the following to his written report:

- The bad fabric dilemma is ongoing.
- Our commercial insurance is out for bids at this time.
- On April 23, the Nebraska Land Trust is having a meeting at the Ranch House in Crawford to discuss potential easements in the Pine Ridge.
- Middle Niobrara NRD will host the NARD Basin Tour in June.
- The NG&PC is going to have two meetings on April 24 to discuss their new tall wheat and milo stubble program. They will meet in Alliance from 12:00-2:00 p.m. and in Rushville from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Shelley Steffl if you would like to attend either meeting.
- Lyndon gave a legislative update.

**Assistant Manager  
Lynn Webster**

Lynn added the following to his written report:

- Lynn is going to send out letters to landowners that have less than 27 inches of water to use for this allocation period.
- A landowner would like to add an irrigation pivot. He already has a pivot and a well. He would like to put up a new pivot on the adjacent quarter but use the same allocation that he already has. He has been informed that this change is not allowed in our Rules and Regulations. At this time, he is not going to request a variance but he may in the future.
- Lynn handed out and reviewed the draft static water levels.

**Water Resources Manager  
Sheri Daniels**

Sheri added the following to her written report:

- Sheri thanked the Board for her opportunity to go to the NARD Washington, D.C. Conference. She passed around pictures from the trip.
- Sheri pointed out the ACE Camp brochure that was in the board packet. UNWNRD will reimburse campers for the registration fee if they are in our District.
- Sheri passed around two articles that UNWNRD has helped with.
- We will have a cake and coffee going away party for Lyndon at UNWNRD's office on May 15.

**Resources Coordinator  
Travis Nitsch**

Travis added the following to his written report:

- We have sold about 125,000 trees to date.
- Buskirk's are hoping to start planting on April 22.

**Resources Technician  
Haley Anders**

Haley added the following to her written report:

- Haley has been working on water levels and putting together the hydrographs for the static water levels.

**Resources Technician  
Kody Schwager**

Kody was picking up trees at Bessey Nursery.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

John Burke moved to approve the Consent Agenda; Dave Kadlecek seconded the motion. Roll call: (10) ayes, (0) nays and (1) absent – Steve Sandberg.

**Agency Reports**

**Nebraska Association of Resources District  
Curtis Roth**

Director Roth had nothing to report.

**Nebraska Department of Natural Resources  
Dave Kadlecek**

Director Kadlecek had nothing to report.

**Water Committee Report  
Tod Dorshorst**

The Water Committee met prior to the board meeting.

- Brian Jelinek Transfer: John Burke moved to approve Brian Jelinek's application to install a 64.18 acre pivot; Rich Zochol seconded the motion. Roll call: (10) ayes, (0) nays and (1) absent – Steve Sandberg.

**CRP Grasslands Interlocal Agreement**

The CRP Boundary Fence Grant received a one-year extension. Through this grant, landowners can receive 75% cost-share on a boundary fence if they leave their CRP field in grass for 10 years. Tod Dorshorst moved to sign the resolution to accept the one-year extension for the CRP Boundary Fence Grant; John Burke seconded the motion. Roll call: (10) ayes, (0) nays and (1) absent – Steve Sandberg.

**Old or New Business**

Weather pending, we will be planting a tree in memory of Charlie Snook on April 22 at 4:30 p.m. Barb Snook will be here and we will have a plaque put up on the building recognizing Charlie for all his dedication to the UNWNRD tree program.

**Excused Absences**

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John Burke moved to excuse Steve Sandberg; Tod Dorshorst seconded the motion. Roll call: (10) ayes, (0) nays and (1) absent – Steve Sandberg.

**Public Comment**

No comments were made.

**Executive Session**

Dave Kadlecek moved to go into Executive Session at 11:25 a.m. to discuss personnel; Dave Carlson seconded the motion. Roll call: (10) ayes, (0) nays and (1) absent – Steve Sandberg.

John Burke moved to come out of Executive Session at 12:27 p.m.; Tod Dorshorst seconded the motion. Roll call: (10) ayes, (0) nays and (1) absent – Steve Sandberg.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

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Jim Lees, Chairman of the Board

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Lyndon Vogt, General Manager

Date Signed\_\_\_\_\_